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## **Abstract**

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"Well, dear, he's found out everything about your affair with that nice Mrs. Gould. Now, you wouldn't want a scandalous rumor to ruin her art institute and her reputation, would you?"

"There hasn't been an affair!" He wanted to ram his fist into her swelling belly.

"Oh come on, Tony. You've been going to her house nearly every day for two years. What does that spell? You'd better come in and talk to Mother."

He followed her into the house.

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*by Julian Schmidt*

40,000 thieves enraptured by  
undulations of fine-spun jewel  
wisps and a chrysallis of  
nectar dreams —

flowing —

cirro-cumulus —

propriumque tuum —

as permeating mist irresistible  
by evening

I can wait no longer  
like 300 mirrors, incongruous,  
twisting and breaking, the vision  
crumbles in blackness —

swirling in an omnibus of  
screaming fright and tingling sighs

but it is also there —

the awe of the unknown and  
the seduction of the condemned

— whispers inaudibly —

dissolves body and soul  
in mutual ecstasy